Resident Welfare Association of Maurya Enclave. a D. D. A. colony in Delhi regarding overflowing of sewer water. choking of drains and non-provision of storm water drains in the area; and

(b) if so. what instructions have been issued to the DDA authorities for improving the sanitary conditions and to provide storm water drains early in that colony?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes sir, Action thereon has also been taken by DDA.

The southern (outfall) storm water drain has been connected with the MCD trunk drain. There is no trunk drain for the northern outfall except the supplementray drain being constructed by Delhi Administration. It is likely to take some time. In the meantime, every effort is being made to drain out/pump out the water from this area. Efforts will be made to expedite the plans relating to solution of their difficulties.

Regularisation of Assistant Engineers in CPWD

2914. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1064 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1985 and state:

(a) the number of *ad-hoc* Assistant Engineers (Civil & Elect.) in C. P. W. D. who are yet to be regularised;

(b) whether Government propose to take some more candidates in near future from those who were successful in the written examination of the Limited Departmental Examination held in 1983 for the promotion to the post of Assistant Engineers in CPWD;

(c) if so, the number of candidates proposed to be taken;

(d) whether it is also a fact that number of vacancies had also been reduced in the similar examination held before 1983; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons for reducing the number of vacancies in the 1983 examination only?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) 639 (both civil & electrical)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The vacancies filled on *ad-hoc* basis prior to 5-2-1977. the date of amendment to the Recruitment Rules. were initially taken into account for computing the 50 per cent vacancies to be filled by Departmental Examination. Subsequently, on reconsideration, it was decided that the vacancies filled on *ad-hoc* basis prior to 5-2-1977 should not be taken into account for the purpose of filling up in accordance with Rules amended on 5-2-1977 as the amendment was not given retrospective effect. The exclusion of 50% of the vacancies filled prior to 5-2-1977 from the quota for Departmental Examination necessitated reduction in the number of candidates to be appointed on the basis of 1983 Departmental Examination. The reason for reducing the vacancies in 1983 Examination (and not the earlier Examinations) is that the aforesaid decision to exclude the pre-5-2-1977 vacancies from the operation of the rules as amended on 5-2-1977 was taken in 1983 only.

Bungling in the opening of wine and bear shops in Delhi

2915. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., invited tenders in April last